

QIC Monthly Meeting Richfield Southwest Region  
January 28, 2009

Our monthly QIC meeting was held at Central Utah Counseling Center (CUCC) at 12:30PM on Wednesday January 28th.

**In attendance:** Angie Morrill; Shelley Haupt, Community Partner; Leanne Geigle, CUCC; Pamela Allred, DCFS Supervisor Richfield; Tammy Powell, DJJS; Arleen Cromwell PhD, CUCC Director Richfield; Mary Lee Harrison, Retired Community Partner; Caron Wither, New Horizons Crisis Center; Bruce Zylks, DCFS Program Administrator and Karen Anderson, DCFS Administrative Assistant.

**Excused:** Karen Payne, CASA Program Manager; Susan Munk, Family Support Center Manager/Workforce Services Marissa Douglas, UFCF; Valorie Johnson, DV worker; Josephine Griffith, Community Partner; Gail Albrecht, Sevier School District; Don & Coylene Brinkerhoff, Richfield foster parents; and Glenda Klein, Retired Community Partner.

**Agenda Items:**

Welcome  
Review Previous meeting Minutes  
Discuss Goals for this year  
Worker Retention  
QCR  
Parenting Classes  
Placement Stability

**Handouts:**

Shelley welcomed the group. This is Shelley's first meeting that she has conducted. Shelley reported that she had called Debbie Hoffines; the QIC Chair in St. George to discuss/get ideas from Debbie on how she conducted the QCI meeting in St. George and what goals they are working on in 2009.

The group discussed some goal we may want to consider for 2009:

- 1) Worker retention
- 2) Working with the community to educate them to DCFS roll in the community
- 3) Transition to adult living for youth in foster care (Mike Beacco 435-652-2978)
- 4) review all unsupported CPS referrals; having the CPS workers come to the QIC meeting quarterly and talk about clients and reason behind unsupporting the CPS case. Bruce has looked at this approach previously about the QIC committee being able to review "stuck cases". Because of confidentiality issues this was turned down. This is some what the same situation but Bruce will check into it. Tammy brought up that Tooele QIC is doing is (with the name of the client) and through it might be good for our QIC to do it also.
- 5) parent advocate program for parents who have had children removed from their home, to better help them understand the DCFS process and how they can better work toward reunification. Currently there is a Court mediation group but Caron felt that they would need to know the DCFS process and Practice Model before they could assume this roll. Shelley said that there is a victim right committee in Sevier County and was wondering if this was something they could also do (with some training).
- 6) Tammy suggested a service pamphlet for the community. Karen will bring what DCFS currently has.
- 7) It was suggested that the committee look at the DCFS outcome and statistics for last year and consider these in the goal making for this year.
- 8) Stability

**Last Years Outcomes:**

One of the things we talked about last year is lack of foster homes in the area. Sevier & Sanpete counties now have a representative from the foster care foundation located in Richfield.

Drug Issues- CUCC put on a Drug Prevention that was a big success and will be putting on one this year also; September 12. Leanne asked for volunteers.

Bruce will volunteered to go over QCR results and DCFS statistics in March.

Bruce shared the following with the committee:

THE RELATIONSHIP FACTOR CONFERENCE/TRAINING ON PREVENTING DISRUPTIONS IN ADOPTIVE AND FOSTER PLACEMENTS WITH CHILDREN WHO HAVE SEVERE AND DISTURBING BEHAVIORS.

Gain simple insights that can have an immediate impact on extremely difficult or challenging behaviors of children who have experienced trauma

Training presented by Eric Guy, MSW, LSW

Keynote speaker Bill Stanton, former foster child/foster parent

Registration is Free, Must register in advance. Please call (435) 867-2760 (DCFS Region Office)

**PARENT DAY** MARCH 3, 2009 8:30 – 4:30

Adoptive Parents, Foster Parents, and Residential Caregivers, Parents of Troubled Youth

FOSTER PARENT TRAINING – 6 HOURS

**PROFESSIONAL DAY** MARCH 4, 2009 8:30 – 4:30

Therapists, Child Welfare Attorneys, Juvenile Court Judges and Personnel, Juvenile Justice

Administration and Personnel, Residential Treatment Administration, Private Foster Care Agencies,

DCFS Administration and Caseworkers

CEU'S AND CLE'S PENDING – 6 HOURS

**LOCATION: CEDAR CITY HERITAGE CENTER 105 North 100 East**

Sponsored by Court Improvement Project

DCFS wrote for a Court Improvement Grant and received money for parenting materials for the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6 District Court area (Sanpete, Sevier and Kane Counties). DCFS will be working with these area's to obtain the parenting materials.

Parenting Classes in Richfield: DJJ is will be holding a teen parenting class March 10th, 12th and 17<sup>th</sup>, the hold the teen parenting classes every two months. New Horizons will be holding a parenting class starting February 2<sup>nd</sup> (Monday) for 6 weeks, it is Active Parenting and the children attend. CUCC will be holding a love and logic parenting class for all ages starting on February 24 and running through March 31 (Tuesdays 6-8 pm). The cost of the manual will be \$10. The Family Support Center has also been holding parenting classes, Susan was not in attendance.

Troy Shore in Sanpete County also conducts parenting classes.

Child Abuse Prevention Month is coming up; Shelley will get with Headstart and report back to the committee of what they are going to do this year.

No meeting will be held in February due to Southwest Region having their QCR the same week as our meeting. Our next meeting will be the fourth Wednesday in March which is the 25<sup>th</sup>.